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Today's Weather.

Oregon—Fair; southerly winds.
Washington—General fair, indication of rain along coast; north to east winds.

AN EXTRA SESSION.

The question of calling an extra session of the legislature to eliminate some of the objectionable features in the appropriation bill passed at the recent session, is being favorably discussed with a probability that the governor will see the necessity of calling the session. Had the members followed the advice given by the governor to segregate the various appropriations, giving him an opportunity of vetoing grafts, this trouble could have been averted. So indignant have the people become over the unwarranted extravagance of the legislature that they are circulating a petition to invoke the referendum and have the question submitted to the people. It is contended that the session would not have to last over two days, and the cost would be less than the expense of calling a special election which will be necessary if the referendum is invoked. The Telegram discussing the question says:

"While there was pronounced disinclination on the part of Governor Chamberlain, when the matter was first broached, to call an extra session of the legislature for the purpose of straightening out the appropriation tangle, and while the governor's view of the matter as it then appeared undoubtedly was sound, it now appears that if the legislators will give the governor proper co-operation this much vexed question may, after all, best be settled by the calling of an extra session.

"Governor Chamberlain's position has been that as the legislature was presumed to have performed its various acts—the making of appropriations included—with mature and proper deliberation, it should abide by those acts, even though a hornet's nest of criticism had been brought about its ears. And the governor was right. But the prospective resort to the referendum, with the resultant added expense to the state, delay in reaching settlement of the question, and annoyance and inconvenience to the legitimate state institutions and their attaches, is somewhat appalling, both to the governor and the people, and if there is a way whereby this delay and inconvenience can be avoided and the prospective expense to the state lessened, that way should be taken. An extra session of sufficient duration merely to permit the correction of these appropriation blunders, the legislators to serve without pay or mileage, seems to offer such a way.

"The governor is anxious that the extra session, if it is held, should be without cost to the state. In the strictest sense this cannot well be the case. Assuming that, in patriotic appreciation of the requirements of the situation, Legislators waive the matter of pay and mileage, there are other expenses incident even to a two days' session of the legislature that are unavoidable. The total of these, however—should pay and mileage be excluded—may be figured as less expensive to the state than would be resort to the referendum and the resultant increase in the cost of state supplies for the next year or more.

"It is undeniably the desire of the people that certain extravagant expenditure, shall be headed off. To do this with the least friction and expense is simply a plain matter of business, so far as the interests of the state are concerned.

"It was the avowed intention of many of the members of the legislature when it convened to 'put the governor in a hole.' This programme was carried out in altered form. Instead of administering the punishment mentioned to the governor, the legislature put itself in a hole more than adequately wide and deep. The governor holds the key to the trapdoor that covers it. He evinces some disposition to let the legislature out. The legislature should meet him half way by ex-

tending the conditional assurances he asks for.

SIMPLIFYING BUSINESS.

Along practical lines, and in the interest of the simplification of the public business, is the transfer of the management of the forest reserves of the United States from the department of the interior to the department of agriculture, where it logically belongs, and where the bulk of the work connected with forest management has been done for some time. It brings the various interests connected with our great forests, which have suffered from mismanagement and divided responsibility, under the control and maintenance of one department and of one responsible head, replacing the bureau of forestry in the department of agriculture and the division of forestry in the general land office. Its new name is "the forestry service."

This measure was warmly advocated by the president, who in his latest message to congress called attention to these facts, and to the additional fact that nearly all the great nations have placed their forest service under their departments of agriculture, while only two small nations and one colony retain it under the control of their interior departments. He points out that "this is the result of long and varied experience, and it agrees fully with the requirements of good administration in our case," a sentiment which has met with the prompt approval of such organizations as the National Live Stock Association, the American Mining Congress and the National Board of Trade.

In his instructions to the forester, the title of the new chief of the service, Secretary Wilson calls attention of the service to the fact that "all land is to be devoted to its most productive use for the permanent good of the whole people, and not for the temporary benefit of individuals or companies;" that "all the resources of forest reserves are for use" (the latter word italicized), and "this use must be brought about in a thoroughly prompt and businesslike manner," a statement that seemed necessary, from the way things have been going in the past. "The permanence of the forest reserves," he points out, "is indispensable to continued prosperity," a fact some preceding generations, and not a few members of the present, have evidently failed to recognize.

Truly, the American people have reason to congratulate themselves on having so businesslike an administration.

AN OFFSET TO DR. OSLER.

Addressing the Y. M. C. A. of Chicago yesterday, an Ohio physician of note expressed the belief that man may live "happy and useful" for 150 years. He said that after a third of the century of study of longevity he had come to the conclusion that while the destructive forces are insidious and manifold, a proper understanding of human possibilities and the exercise of this knowledge will prolong life far beyond the limit now set. Climatic statistics have proven conclusively that both the torrid and frigid zones shorten life; it may be enjoyed to its full length only in the temperate zone. Immortality is the chief foe of longevity. Beside mental and physical vice the use of opium, tobacco and liquor undoubtedly cut off years. Absolute purity, mentally, morally and physically, would bring the greater longevity and life is shortened in direct proportion to deviation from moral rules.

Following the dictum of Dr. Osler, that the usefulness of man ceases at 40 and that he should be laid away at 50, this declaration from a physician of note that a "useful" life may be had up to 150 years is timely. Doctors disagreeing, the theoretical world, which, after all, is the world given to paying attention to statements by notoriety hunters, may go on without crediting either. It is as improbable at present that any appreciable proportion of men should survive to 150 years, as it is that society will retire its males at 40 and chloroform them two decades later.

Church Notices.

Presbyterian church all the usual services on Sunday; preaching morning and evening by the Rev. W. W. B. Holt of Portland. All are cordially invited. Sunday school at 12:15; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30.

Services at Grace church at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school 12:30. Holy communion at Holy innocents chapel in Eppertown at 9 a. m.

The themes of discussions at the Baptist church will be "The Use and Misuse of the Tongue" and "The Slavery of Sin." All other services as usual.

There will be no service whatever in the First Lutheran church. No service of any kind until further announcement. More improvements have been found necessary than at first intended. The Catechumans will not meet this morning as the pastor is out of town.

Fat Folks.

I have reduced my weight 55 pounds bust nine inches, waist eight inches and hips nine inches in a short time by a guaranteed, harmless remedy without exercise or starving. I want to tell you all about it; inclose stamp and address. Mrs. Charlotte Woodward.

NEW MEXICO FLOOD

High Water Plays Havoc With Railroad Tracks.

SEVERAL DAMS WASHED OUT

Heavy Rains in the West and South Have Swollen All the Streams and All Trains Are Held at Albuquerque, for Flood to Subside.

Albuquerque, N. M., March 10.—All Santa Fe trains for the west are held at this point indefinitely. Heavy rains to the west and south have swollen all streams along the Santa Fe Pacific and the Rio Grand divisions of the Santa Fe and the line is badly crippled.

The big blue water dam on the Rio San Jose and the Cubero dam on the same stream have gone out and the floods have played havoc with the Santa Fe tracks which closely parallel that stream for nearly two miles. The huge steel bridge at Rio Puerco station, where the railroad crosses the Rio Puerco buttressed with immense stone walls and piers at enormous cost a year ago is so badly damaged that it is impossible to get trains across it and it is feared the bridge may be swept entirely away.

Two tacks along the Rio Grande near Tegu, south of this city, near the confluence of the Rio Puerco with the Rio Grande is badly damaged, large stretches being completely washed away. The company has ordered several carloads of sacks of sand to this point to prevent more serious damage. Five hundred Indians and Mexicans are at work at Rio Puerco to save the bridge and get the track open for business.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments by a Layman. There hasn't been a hold up in Astoria for two whole days.

All of the members of the legislature still have their free passes and can attend a special session without much expense.

Making combinations in the legislature to pass or defeat bills will not receive the approval of the people and they have an opportunity of having something to say, with the referendum.

Some women do more harm by gossiping than the pastor can offset by preaching.

We call it innocence when our boy does it. If it is our neighbor's child we call it downright cussedness.

It begins to look as if General Kuropatkin will soon end Russia's troubles in Manchuria by turning the whole works over to the Japs.

A careful diagnosis doubtless would show a greater number of microbes in some of the doctors' bills than the skillful physicians has discovered in the ten-dollar bill.

The Missouri legislators have at least demonstrated that they are not disposed to regard a seat in the United States senate as a commodity to be sold—to the first bidder.

Somehow it is so easy to help a lady to pass through a heavy swinging door, to alight from a street car and to be so polite to every strange woman, while mother, sister or wife are allowed to split the kindling and bring in the wood.

Ninety per cent of cigarette smokers who present themselves for enlistment in the army are rejected. A youth too weak for army service will not make great headway at anything else as the years go by and he keeps on smoking the seductive cigarette.

Marine Notes.

The steam schooner Aurelia arrived in yesterday from San Francisco with freight and passengers.

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